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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/669,308

Examiner

Suhan Ni

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/2/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-11 and 15-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 12/22/03, 7/26/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
**SUHAN NI**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. This communication is responsive to the RCE and amendment dated 09/02/2003.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 8-11 and 15-20 are allowed.

The present invention is directed to a compound loudspeaker unit. The closest prior art, U.S. Pat. - 5,339,286 and 5,548,286 show a similar structured loudspeaker unit, comprising: a first diaphragm having an first coil thereon; a second diaphragm having a second coil thereon; a first seat member having a first magnet structure; and a second seat member having a second magnet structure as claimed. But U.S. Patent - 5,339,286 fails to teach that the second diaphragm is formed on a periphery of the first diaphragm, and the U.S. Patent - 5,548,286 fails to show that the first seat defines an annular gap to allow the first coil to be moveably suspended therein. These distinct features have been included in the sole independent claims and render the application allowable.

***Conclusion***

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment on the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".
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6. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is **(703) 305-3900**.

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**SUHAN NI  
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August 16, 2004